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MEMORANDUM FOR: II/RD
THROUGH: II/SA
SUBJECT: Coordination of II/RD Activities with Training Programs.

1. The attached memorandum indicates that no clearly established procedure exists by which new devices, equipment and techniques developed by II/RD are made available to TRD for incorporation in its various training courses. Informal liaison with II/RD exists through [redacted] of TRD Staff. However, a closer and better defined method of coordination is obviously necessary.

2. The proposals made in paragraph 3 of the attached are, for the most part, satisfactory to TRD. However, it is believed that responsibility for carrying out all briefing and training of students in the utilization of these special weapons, devices, etc. should be centralized in TRD. In view of the rate at which our training activities are expanding, it would soon become impractical for representatives of II/RD to give demonstrations to students at the various training areas to be established. While there are only three instructors on the present TRD Staff being used for this type training, it is expected that future demands will require the addition of several qualified individuals within the next few months. Consequently, we believe the responsibility of II/RD in so far as training is concerned, should be limited to demonstrations and briefings for TRD instructor personnel, who in turn will conduct all student training.

3. It is recommended, therefore, that the following action be taken:

a. The assignment by the Chief, TRD of a Liaison Officer to coordinate the mutual interests of II/RD and TRD. This individual would be, for the time being at least, the Deputy Chief, Area Training Branch, inasmuch as that Branch is the one most concerned with these developments. The responsibility of this Liaison Officer would include:

(1) Representation of TRD on the RDRB as a non-voting member.

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(2) Arranging for all briefing and training of TRD instructors by II/RD personnel in the capabilities and uses of all new items.

(3) The scheduling of training in any of these devices requested by other Branches of TRD or the Divisions and Staffs of OPC.

(4) Coordination with other than ATB training activities in arranging the use of necessary areas and facilities for demonstration of new items.

(5) Arranging special lectures required by the Chief Instructor, [] Advanced Specialized Training Section, covering the activities of II/RD and the types and capabilities of special items developed.

(6) Responsibility for procurement of a supply of newly developed items sufficient to meet TRD training requirements.

b. In establishing new areas for paramilitary training, TRD would provide necessary facilities at one of the areas for giving instruction and training to students in the use of new devices. [] is now adequate for ATB requirements although an exclusively CIA area would be more desirable for all other training.

4. Apparently many requests are being made to II/RD for special training and briefing which should have been made directly to TRD. Therefore, as soon as an agreement is reached as to a plan of coordination, TRD will issue a memorandum to its Branches and all Divisions and Staffs of OPC outlining the procedure to be followed in arranging any briefings, demonstrations or training required.

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Chief, TRD

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